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A/MS - Mr. Crutcher

Mr. Webb discussed the new Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) with me today and the implication of the appointment of Gordon Gray as its Director. The Budget Bureau is assigning Bill Finan to work with Mr. Gray in getting this organization under "full steam ahead" as quickly as possible. Mr. Gray is expected to put in about three days a week for the next month or two, and then full time.

The Budget Bureau will probably require some monies from each agency --Defense, State and CIA--for financing the organization.

Mr. Webb and the Budget Bureau both would like to see it housed in New State or in the immediate vicinity. Mr. Webb discussed the possibility of placing it in Riverside Apartments. It is expected that it will need about 10 rooms. It is extremely important to have this operation as closely tied to the Department as possible and, difficult as the space problem is, it is of overriding importance that we do house it.

I assume that the equipment--desks, etc.--could be arranged by contributions from the 3 agencies.

It is expected that each agency will contribute, temporarily, one or two top people to get the organization underway. In addition, we will be called on to provide some secretarial service.

Mr. Webb stated that he expected to hire Mr. Barrett as his Deputy on the PSB and that the P area will be responsible for the substantive backstopping.

I would like you to take on the job, of spearheading the Department's portion of this assignment. I am asking, by copies of this memorandum, that the A area Office Directors give you top priority. I will notify Mr. Finan of your designation and ask that whomever he has working on this work closely with you.

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